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SUBJECT: INTERFLUG OVERFLIGHTS OF THE FRG

REF: STATE 52303

1. FOREIGN OFFICE POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL TOLD ME ON MARCH 16 THAT THE FRG HOPES FOR A PROMPT, FAVORABLE U.S. RESPONSE TO THE GERMAN REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO HAVE TWO WEEKLY LUFTHANSA STOPS IN WEST BERLIN ON THE FRANKFURT-MOSCOW ROUTE. VAN WELL STRESSED THAT U.S. AIR TRAFFIC INTERESTS WOULD NOT BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED IF SUCH PERMISSION WERE GRANTED. HE SAID THAT PERHAPS LUFTHANSA COULD TAKE ON PASSENGERS IN WEST BERLIN PRIOR TO FLYING ON TO MOSCOW AND TOKYO. VAN WELL SAID THIS WOULD NOT REPRESENT COMPETITION WITH THE IGS.

2. VAN WELL CONTINUED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE GDR WOULD ACCEPT THE LUFTHANSA/INTERFLUG TRADE-OFF ARRANGEMENT. VAN WELL NOTED THAT IF THE ALLIES GRANTED THE FRG PERMISSION, THE FRG WOULD BE IN A VERY FAVORABLE NEGOTIATING POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE GDR AND COULD KEEP THE EAST GERMANS ON THE DEFENSIVE.

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3. VAN WELL SAID THAT HARTMAN SEEMED TO HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE FRENCH WERE CONSIDERING SOME SORT OF AIR FRANCE/SCHOENEFELD ARRANGEMENT IN RETURN FOR GRANTING INTERFLUG CERTAIN RIGHTS. VAN WELL EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN ABOUT ANY SUCH ARRANGEMENT. HE SAID IT WOULD BE DIFFERENT IF THE SWISS DID IT. HOWEVER, SCHOENEFELD WAS

PART OF THE BCZ AND THE FRENCH WERE NOT THE SWISS. MORE-
OVER, THE FRENCH HAD NEVER INDICATED ANYTHING TO HIM
ABOUT SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT. VAN WELL THOUGHT THERE WOULD
BE AN ADVERSE PUBLIC REACTION TO ANY SUCH FRENCH-EAST
GERMAN AGREEMENT.

4. I TOLD VAN WELL I WOULD CONVEY HIS REQUEST FOR A
SPEEDY RESPONSE TO MY GOVERNMENT. I ALSO REMINDED HIM
ABOUT THE DELICATE NATURE OF THE CORRIDOR AIR REGIME
AND THE U.S. DESIRE TO AVOID OPENING UP THIS
QUESTION WITH THE SOVIETS.
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